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Re: DOJ No. 90-5-2-1-09611 - Disclosure of Potential Consent Decree Violation

To Whom It May Concern:

AdvanSix Resins & Chemicals LLC ("AdvanSix", formerly Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC) is making this submittal pursuant to the Consent Decree in United States of America and Commonwealth of Virginia v. Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC ("consent decree"), the reference for which is Civil Action Number: 3:13-cv-00193-REP, and DOJ Case Number: 90-5-2-1-09611.

Paragraph 49b of the consent decree directs AdvanSix to notify the United States and VADEQ if AdvanSix violates, or has reason to believe that it may violate, any requirement of this consent decree. AdvanSix is submitting notification of potential violations of Appendix A of the consent decree with this letter. Notification is being made within ten days of the date AdvanSix first became aware of this item.

The following Consent Decree issue was identified during LDAR leak checks on March 15, 2018:

Installation of a new valve in the Equipment Replacement/Improvement Program (Appendix A. Paragraph 19) and Management of Change (Appendix A. Paragraph 24) — On March 15<sup>th</sup>, AdvanSix employees discovered a leaking valve that was not an approved certified low leak technology (CLLT) valve. The valve was on equipment APT-82 in operating Area 6. Based on the current information available, we think it likely that the valve was installed during an APT-82 maintenance outage (11/17/17 to 11/21/17). The valve appears to have been installed along with a pressure gauge to be used as part of the pressure testing of the equipment prior to returning the equipment to service, with the intention of removal upon completion of the test. The valve and pressure gauge

then may have inadvertently remained in service after the pressure test was completed.

The valve was replaced with a CLLT valve on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The likely cause of this incident was a management of change (MOC) issue. An investigation is being conducted into this incident and additional corrective actions will be implemented as part of the investigation to address the identified causes. As required by the Consent Decree, AdvanSix will amend this report within 30 days of becoming aware of the cause of the violation and provide a full explanation of the cause of the violation.

If further information is required, please contact me at (804) 541-5119 or by email at Phillip.Sparks@AdvanSix.com.

Regards,

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